

This Week's News

IRTS Radio News Bulletin Sunday November 2nd, 2025

Next IRTS Committee Meeting

The next IRTS Committee meeting will be an in-person meeting taking place on Saturday, November 22nd at 11:00 a.m. sharp in the Creggan Court Hotel, Kilmartin N6 Centre, Dublin Road, Athlone, Co. Westmeath. The Eircode is N37 YW25. All IRTS affiliated clubs are reminded that under Rule 16.1, the members in each affiliated club, society or other body may elect a representative and an alternate annually to attend IRTS Committee meetings both in-person and online. Clubs wishing to send a representative should notify the IRTS Secretary, Andy EI7IOB at [irts_secretary /at/ irts.ie](mailto:irts_secretary@irts.ie)

National Short Wave Listeners Club

The National Short Wave Listeners Club reports a turnout of sixty students for the start of the new HAREC online course on Thursday last, October 30th. The course will run weekly on Thursdays with 25 classes finishing on May 7th, 2026. There are six juveniles attending the training.

Several students were unable to attend the first session and it's still not too late to join the course. Anyone interested in joining should visit swl.ie and complete and submit the NSWLC membership form. Membership is free for Irish Radio Transmitters Society members, and you can join the IRTS at www.irts.ie/join

A major milestone was reached during the past week when the total numbers who had interacted with the HAREC training, which commenced on November 4th, 2000, surpassed the 500 mark. The club would like to thank everybody who helped out in any way over the past five years.

South Eastern Amateur Radio Group EI2WRC

The next physical meeting of the EI2WRC group will take place on Monday, November 24th at 8 p.m. sharp at the South East Technological University, Netlabs Research and Innovation Building, SETU West Campus, Carriganore, Waterford. The Eircode is X91 WR86. New members or anyone that has an interest in amateur radio or communications in general are very welcome to come along. SWLs are in particular very welcome to attend also. For more information about EI2WRC, their activities, and for contact details please see www.searg.ie

Shannon Basin Radio Club SSB Nets

The next Shannon Basin Radio Club SSB DX net takes place on the 80m band on Thursday night, November 6th. The net frequency will be in the region of 3.775MHz starting from 9 p.m. local time. Everyone is welcome to call in and SWL reports are also most welcome via email to [admin /at/ sbrc.ie](mailto:admin@sbrc.ie)

VHF/Microwave News

South Dublin Radio Club operate a 2-metre net on 144.330 MHz USB. It runs on weeknights from 20:00 to 21:00 hrs. local time on Monday, Wednesday, Thursday, Friday, Saturday, and Sunday. On Wednesday nights from 21:00 to 21:30 local time, a six-metre net operates after the

2-metre net concludes. The 6-metre net is on 50.165 MHz using USB. The club reports that the net has been reasonably well supported, but if more stations join in, the net could be extended to 22:00 hrs.

Round 11 of the European FT8 and FT4 activity series continues on Wednesday November 5th on the 2m band. Each event sees plenty of activity on the band and it is a good opportunity to learn more about digital modes and the performance of your VHF station. Further information can be found at ft8activity.eu

A global Automatic Packet Reporting System or APRS net called APRSThursday has grown to over 700 stations worldwide. This net takes place each Thursday for 24 hours. Information about how to get involved may be found at aprsph.net

For APRS operators seeking more of a challenge, the Japanese BOTAN satellite launched in mid-September of this year carries an amateur radio digipeater with a camera. Current reports indicate that its CW beacon can be easily received on 437.375 MHz plus or minus Doppler during passes. Its 1200 baud digipeater on 145.825MHz is planned to be switched on a scheduled basis with a maximum time of 720 minutes during each activation.

Contest and Events

For those that took part in the recent IRTS 80m counties contest, please note that the deadline for logs is November 5th. Further details may be found at irts.ie/contests

Entries should be submitted to the IRTS contest manager via email to contest_manager@irts.ie

The next contest in the United Kingdom and Ireland Contest Club 2025 to 2026 series of 80m contests takes place on Wednesday 5th November 2025. The start time is 20:00 UTC using SSB and it runs for one hour.

The Worked All Europe DX RTTY Contest commences at 00:00UTC on Saturday the 8th of November running until 23:59UTC the following night.

The RSGB 1.8MHz Affiliated Society or Club Calls Contest takes place next Saturday, the 8th of November 2025. This runs from 20:00 UTC until 23:00 UTC. CW contest activity will be between 1870kHz and 1980kHz and SSB activity will be found between 1892kHz and 1990kHz. Self-spotting is permitted, and further information may be found at rsgbcc.org

Items for Inclusion in Next Week's Radio News

That is the news for this week. Thanks to everyone for sending items into the weekly IRTS radio news. They are very much appreciated and are a great way to update the rest of the community about activities. If you have any club events, activities, meetings, or other items of interest, you are very welcome to email newsteam@irts.ie with the details. These will be automatically forwarded to the IRTS radio and printed news services. The deadline each week is midnight on Thursdays.

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